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- 25X1 1. Poison gas is being manufactured at the Chemo-Lutin Chemical Works, located about 11 km from Olomouc (P50/N 85). In the past few months experiments with artificial fog have been made for the Czechoslovak Air Force. Approximately 2,500 workers are employed at this plant.
- 25X1 2. The Wichterle & Kovarik factory at Prostějov (P50/N 83) is manufacturing hand grenades, and since May 1949 has been preparing to manufacture some other unknown type of war material. the grenade-producing equipment is supposed to be the most modern in Europe. About 2 000 persons are employed at this factory.
3. Copies of German designed jet planes, which are only partially finished when they leave the Ceskomoravska Kolben Danek (CKD) plant at Prague (OSL/L 78), are sent to the Avia factory at Prague-Vysocany for completion. Major Josef Bozdech, of the Czechoslovak Military Research Institute, is one of the leading Czechoslovak jet experts. During the war, using the name of Bayer, he helped the Germans on jet research. Now he is an active Communist.
1. Casualty rate during the recent Czechoslovak Army maneuvers is reported to have reached 14.2 percent, with highest casualties reported among the airborne troops. Soviet military observers reportedly stated that the casualty rate in similar maneuvers in the USSR usually is about 8.5 percent.
5. High ranking officers of the Czechoslovak General Staff and of the War Ministry will be required to visit the Soviet Union in the near future. The purpose of the visit is unknown even to the officers who are scheduled to make the trip.

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